

REMARKS

This is a response to the May 5, 2005 Office action that was issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. Prior to entry of the above amendments, claims 1-43 were pending. By the above amendments, claims 21 and 28-43 are cancelled without prejudice, claims 1 and 22-23 are amended, and new claims 44-60 are added.

In the Office action, claims 21-23 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By the above amendments, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 21. In view of this amendment, original claim 21 has been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 22 and 23 have been amended to depend from amended claim 1. New claims 44-60 also depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 1 and merely recite previously considered subject matter but with slightly different dependencies. Applicant thanks the Examiner in advance for considering these new claims, and Applicant hopes that the previously considered nature of these dependent claims, and the fact that they depend from a claim that has already been indicated to be allowable, will alleviate the time required to consider these new claims.

Original claims 28-43 were previously withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. By the above amendments, Applicant has cancelled the claims without prejudice.

For the purpose of completeness, Applicant has studied the rejections of original claims 1-20 and 24-27 and respectfully traverses the same. However, in

view of the above amendment of claim 1 to present the subject matter of allowable claim 21 in independent form, Applicant submits that the rejections are rendered moot.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that all of the issues raised in the first Office action have been addressed. If there are any remaining issues or if the Examiner has any questions, Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached at the number listed below. Similarly, if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview may be productive in advancing prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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